

## COMMUNITY OUTREACH EFFORTS

## October 2006

## October 3, 2006: Citizens Community Center and DMC

The Director of Citizens Community Center's Hispanic Outreach program met with the DMC Coordinator to discuss ideas and to identify Hispanic community leaders to participate on the Indiana Disproportionality Committee. At the meeting various Hispanic leaders were identified, however, a barrier for the DMC Coordinator would be contacting the individuals as they already participate on many other committees directing focuses towards health and education issues. The Director stated that if she were not leaving to go to Puerto Rico she would join the committee but she will be out of the country for an extended part of the year. With that being said, she noted to contact some other individuals within the Center that may be interested in participating on the committee. The DMC Coordinator emphasized the importance of the Latino/a presence on the committee not only because DMC encompassed Hispanics but to educate the committee more about Latino culture and identify various barriers and obstacles they are facing in the community and what some possible solutions may be in order to address the Hispanic concerns.

## October 4, 2006: Asante Children's Theatre (ACT) and ICJI (DMC Component) Collaboration

Overview and dialogue of the purpose of the skit were once again revisited as the skit will be disseminated across the State. Explanation of expectations and technical assistance in regards to detailed budget (listing all items) were also walked through. Ideas of future collaborative possibilities were discussed. Community forum possibilities once skit is completed were surfaced and a timeline for the skit was drafted.

# October 5, 2006: Indiana Disproportionality Committee — Training Sub-Committee

The training committee had the opportunity to flush out its goals and objectives for the 2007 Year. All recommendations, changes, and revisions to be presented to the large committee were addressed. Tasks assignments and prioritizing of action plan to accomplish overall goals of committee were completed. Recruitment of Graduate Level student was discussed to assist in the research of national and state training guidelines and policies.

# October 6, 2006: Indiana Disproportionality Committee — Research Sub-Committee

Recommended schematic for changes and organizational chart were designed and created by the research committee for submission to the large committee. Distribution of research committee duties were divided to best fit existing and new sub-committees. Through analysis of schematic was completed and justification for modifications with supporting evidence was documented in order to present to Chair and Large ID Committee.

# October 6, 2006: ICJI and Indiana Civil Rights Commission (ICRC)

The Indiana Civil Rights Commission is a collaborator of IDC. In order to support and obtain a greater understanding of the work of ICRC, ICJI staff met with Commission Representative, Christine Cde Baca. ICRC is focusing on the education aspect of disproportionality in relation to Indiana Statue. Work of ICRC overlaps very much with the work of IDC and independent work of ICJI. The two representatives of each agency discussed ideas and possibilities of future collaborative efforts and how to maximize each organization's resources more openly when working on similar projects.

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